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BOARD ADOPTS HIGH SCHOOL ASSESSMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Idaho State Board of Education yesterday adopted recommendations from their Accountability Oversight Committee that could change when Idaho public high school students take the Idaho Standards Achievement Test (ISAT), and remove a college entrance exam as a high school graduation requirement.

The schedule for when statewide assessments are administered, and the high school graduation requirements are established in administrative code and must go through the negotiated process to be amended. The process will start in the spring and takes close to a year to complete.

The change is based in part on feedback from school superintendents and research indicating that the high school junior year is a better time to measure student proficiency in relation to Idaho's content standards. The ISAT is required to meet both state and federal accountability requirements.

The full package of recommendations are included in the Board meeting agenda material posted on the State Board's website:

https://boardofed.idaho.gov/event/board-meeting-boise-2/

The State Board's virtual regular Board meeting continues today starting at 9 a.m. (MST).

The meeting can be viewed via livestream on the State Board's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7j4VGGyNzPa6g6a-zVTHnA

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